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Dear Sir:

Applicants' Attorney, by this Supplemental Communication, concurs with Examiner's comments on Page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, Date Mailed, 11/29/06, in Paragraph 1, regarding a phone interview wherein it was agreed to provide for changing by Examiner's Amendment, Claim 71, Line 1, to replace "as Claim 31", with ---as in Claim 31---.

Respectfully submitted,

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